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The *first* Manual was published in 1833. The *second* was published in 1869, to which was added, in 1872, "A List of Members." The present is therefore the *third*, and commemorates the 125th year since the founding of the Church.

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# The Congregational Church in Brandon

WAS ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 23, 1785.

The ten Charter members were JEDEDIAH WINSLOW, WILL DODGE, NATHAN FLINT, DAVID BUCKLAND, MOSES BARNES, SARAH LARKIN, ELIZABETH WINSLOW, ELIZABETH DODGE, MARY FLINT, and MARY KING.

For a detailed history, reference must be made to the report of "The Centennial Celebration," published in 1885.

The first meeting place was the home of LOREN LARKIN, the site now occupied by Dr. Prime. The first public house of worship was built of logs, before 1790. The second meeting house, on the site of the present church, was erected about 1797. It burned, and was promptly rebuilt, serving until 1831, when the present structure was erected. Extensive repairs were made in 1858, and again in 1891. The beautiful marble pulpit was the gift of DEACON SELDEN, in 1858. The memorial windows on either side of the pulpit were unveiled in 1906. The present organ was installed in 1907.

## The following Pastors have served the Church :

REV. ENOS BLISS.....	1792
REV. EBENEZER HEBARD .....	1800—1821
REV. BERTIAH GREEN.....	1823—1829
REV. IRA INGRAHAM.....	1830—1835
REV. HARVEY CURTIS.....	1836—1840
REV. WILLIAM H. MARSH .....	1842—1843
REV. DR. G. T. SHEDD.....	1844—1845
REV. MOSES CHASE.....	1846—1847
REV. DR. J. B. WHEELER.....	1850—1854
REV. JOHN D. KINGSBURY.....	1856—1860
REV. WILLIAM J. HARRIS .....	1860—1862
REV. FRANKLIN TUXBURY.....	1865—1875
REV. S. P. WILDER .....	1876—1880
REV. WALTER RICE.....	1880—1889
REV. DR. W. S. SMART .....	1889—1905
REV. F. LAURISTON BULLARD.....	1905—1907
REV. WILLIAM VAN DERVEER BERG .....	1908—

## FORM FOR THE RECEPTION OF MEMBERS.

### The Address.

*The minister invites the candidates to come forward, and says :*

JESUS SAITH:

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest; take My yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls; for My yoke is easy, and My burden is light.

And the Spirit and the Bride say, Come; and let him that heareth say, Come; and let him that is athirst come; and whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

DEARLY BELOVED:

You are here before God and these witnesses to confess the Lord Jesus Christ. We trust that you appreciate the solemnity and the blessedness of this confession, and that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

### The Baptism.

*To those already baptized the minister may say:*

You who have already been baptized on the faith of others, profess now to accept such baptism as your own act, the outward sign that signifies your ingrafting into Christ and your engagement to be the Lord's disciples.

*To those who are to receive baptism the minister may say:*

You who have not been hitherto baptized, desire now by the sacrament of baptism to confess the name of Christ and to indicate your belief that He has accomplished for you that remission of sin, and renewal by His Spirit of which this form is the divinely appointed sign and seal.

*The minister may continue:*

Hear the words of the institution of this Holy Sacrament, as delivered by our Lord and Saviour to His disciples, before His ascension to the right hand of God:

"All power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. Go ye, therefore,

and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world."

Hence St. Peter, on the day of Pentecost, called upon the people, saying: "Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the Name of Jesus Christ, for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call."

Doubt ye not, therefore, but earnestly believe, that He will number among His people those truly repenting and coming unto Him by faith, and that this Baptism with water in His Name shall be unto them the sign and seal of the washing away of their sins, their ingrafting into Christ, their regeneration by His Holy Spirit, and their engagement to be the Lord's.

PRAYER: *(In the following or other suitable words.)*

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father in heaven, we bless Thee that Thou hast been pleased to enter into a covenant of grace with Thy people and hast appointed the holy sacrament of Baptism to be its sign and seal. Enable us to receive it with true faith; and, remembering that we are not our own, but belong to our Saviour Jesus Christ, to walk worthily of the Lord, through Thy grace. Amen.

*Then the person to be baptized shall kneel down, and the minister, pronouncing his name, shall say:*

N——, I baptize thee in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Let us pray. *(In the following or other suitable words.)*

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we give Thee hearty thanks and praise that Thou hast not withheld Thy loving kindness from Thy servants, but hast given them shelter within the covenant of Thy peace, and makest them to sit down at Thy table. We entreat Thee of Thy great mercy to perfect in them the good work Thou hast begun; that they, being defended by Thy fatherly hand, and strengthened with power through Thy spirit in the inward man, may be enabled to keep this covenant without spot, unrebukable, until the day of the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

### The Confession of Faith.

Dearly beloved, called of God to be His children through Jesus Christ, our Lord; you are here that, in the presence of God and His people, you may enter into the fellowship and communion of His Church.

Recognizing the Holy Scriptures as the supreme rule of faith and practice,

We believe in God the Father Almighty, the Being of absolute perfection, the Creator, Preserver, and Governor of the universe; Who so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son for its redemption:

And in Jesus Christ, His Son, our Lord; Who became man and suffered to take away the sin of the world; in Whom alone we have redemption, being justified freely, through faith in Him:

And in the Holy Ghost, the Comforter; by Whose inspiration the Scriptures are given: through Whom alone we, being by nature children of disobedience, are renewed and sanctified:

And we look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life immortal.

Do you thus truly confess and heartily believe ?

*The candidate says: "I do."*

In the presence of God and this assembly, you do now freely and cordially enter into the everlasting covenant of grace.

You do confess the Father Almighty, your Maker and Preserver, the Lord Jesus Christ, your Saviour and Master, and the Holy Spirit, your Sanctifier and Guide, to be your God. You do trust only in His sovereign grace and almighty power.

And you do promise that you will henceforth faithfully endeavor to keep His commandments, and follow Him in all things; to walk with His disciples in love; and, denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts, to live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world, looking for that blessed hope, the glorious appearing of the great God, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

*The minister invites those uniting by letter to rise.*

**DEARLY BELOVED:**

Having before made public confession of your faith in Christ, and having voluntarily transferred to this Church your covenant relation of membership,

### **Covenant of the Congregational Church of Brandon, Vt.**

You solemnly promise that, as a member of this Church of Christ, you will faithfully endeavor to honor it in your conduct and life; to give diligent attendance upon its services and ordinances; to refrain from opposing its faith; to submit to its rules and discipline; to labor and pray for its increase, purity and peace; and to walk with its members in love—seeking and improving opportunities to minister to them.

Do you thus truly confess and heartily engage ?

*The candidate says : " I do."*

The good and great God mercifully grant His grace and blessing, to this your purpose, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

### The Welcome.

*Then the minister may bid all the members of the Church to rise,  
and speaking for them, he shall say :*

In the Name of the Lord Jesus, we, the members of this Church, bid you welcome to its fellowship and to its covenant privileges. We promise to watch over you and seek your welfare in the Lord. And we pray God that all of us, being united in the faith, may be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

You who today make your first public confession of your Lord, we affectionately welcome in the Name of Christ to His discipleship; to a part with us in the blessings and promises of His covenant; to a share in the duties, privileges and glories of His Church; and to the fellowship of that great multitude which no man can number, who have confessed Him on earth, and who follow the Lamb whithersoever He goeth.

In token of our confidence and sympathy, and as a pledge of our brotherly-kindness and love, take the hand of welcome, and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He said:

*(Here the minister shall take each new member by the hand in turn, repeating to each some appropriate saying of Christ.)*

*Then, the Church still standing, the minister shall continue, as follows:*

### The Blessing.

*(Congregation with bowed heads.)*

"The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord cause His face to shine upon thee and be gracious unto thee, the Lord lift upon thee the light of His countenance and give thee peace."

"For this cause we bow our knees unto the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, of Whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named ; that He



would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might by His Spirit in the inner man; that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend, with all saints, what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge; that ye might be filled with all the fullness of God.

"Now, unto Him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto Him be glory in the Church by Christ Jesus, throughout all ages, world without end."

Amen.

## THE RULES.

### Admission of Members.

Application for church membership, either by letter or profession, must be made to the Standing Committee; and those who are approved by them shall be propounded to the Church not later than at the Preparatory Lecture, and to the congregation at the following communion; and they shall become members by vote of the Church; those who unite by profession being required to give a public assent to the articles of faith and covenant, and those by letter assenting to the covenant.

### Dismission of Members.

This Church will, by vote, grant to its members in regular standing, at their request, letters of dismissal and recommendation to any evangelical church. Applications for letters should be made in writing, and referred to the Standing Committee, who shall report upon them to the Church after they are so referred. All such letters shall be signed by the pastor or clerk, and shall purport to be valid one year only from the date thereof, and letters shall not be granted to those who have delayed applying for them for more than one year after their removal from us, unless reasons for such delay, satisfactory to the Church, shall be assigned.

### Rights of Members.

Every member has a right to all church privileges, unless forfeited by misconduct; and, when thus forfeited, he can be deprived of them only by regular process. The presentation of complaints shall in all cases be first made to the Standing Committee, who, on sufficient cause, shall prefer

charges before the whole Church; and in case the committee shall refuse to do so, the complainant, if he insist upon the charges, may present his complaint in person to the Church. An accused member shall be seasonably furnished with a copy of the complaint, and shall have a full hearing. While the trial is pending, the accused is expected to abstain from participating in the Lord's Supper. Any member having cause of complaint against another should immediately seek to have it removed in a Christian manner, according to the directions given in Matt. xviii, 15-18.

### **The Lord's Supper.**

The Lord's Supper shall, unless for special reasons, be administered in this Church the first Sabbath in every other month, beginning with January, and shall in every case be preceded by a preparatory service.

### **The Annual Meeting.**

The annual meeting of the Church shall be held in January, at which time there shall be elected a Moderator (who may be the Pastor), a Clerk and Treasurer, and a Standing Committee. This committee shall consist of the pastor and five members of the Church, two of whom may be deacons, and two of whom may be women.

### **Special Meetings.**

Special meetings of the Church may be called upon the written request of any three deacons or any ten members of the Church, by causing a written notice of such meeting to be read from the pulpit on the Sabbath preceding such meeting. Such notice shall state the object for which such special meeting is called.

At each business meeting the Church may choose a chairman or moderator, if they think proper. But in case of merely ordinary business, the pastor may act as moderator without being specially chosen.

### **Duties of Officers.**

The Moderator shall preside at the meetings; the Clerk shall keep an accurate record of the Church; the Treasurer shall have charge of the benevolent funds of the Church; the duties of the Standing Committee are defined above.

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These Rules shall not be altered except by vote of the Church following due notice from the pulpit of the proposed change.

## THE CHURCH OFFICERS.

*Pastor*—REV. WILLIAM VAN DERVEER BERG.

*Deacons*—MR. H. D. BACON\*, DR. W. H. WRIGHT, MR. W. H. DEAN,  
MR. GEORGE W. BURNHAM, MR. FRED C. SPOONER.

*Organist*—MR. CHARLES H. ROSS.

\* Absent.

# THE LIST OF MEMBERS, JANUARY 2. 1910.

The year of admission follows each name.

\* Signifies absent or non-resident.

Atwell, William Asher	1897	Buffum, Mrs. Louise Harris	1906
Atwell, Mrs. W. A.	1897	Berg, Rev. William V.	1908
Averell, Mrs. Anna A.	1905	Bushey, Marion	1909
Atwell, Estelle Louise	1909	Copeland, Henry C.	*1878
Atwell, Elsie Agnes	1909	Carr, Mrs. Warner	1878
Blackmer, Mrs. Sabra Kingsley,	1843	Churchill, Ida L'Heureaux	*1886
Briggs, Mrs. Agnes Bartlett	1871	Proctor, Vt.	
Brown, Mary Ellen	*1871	Cross, Mrs. Henry C.	1886
Bartlett, Emma Elizabeth	1872	Collins, H. A.	1899
Bacon, Nelson	*1872	Collins, Mrs. Jean Potwin	1895
Bacon, Charles	*1878	Carr, Bernice A.	1896
Bacon, Mrs. Charles	*1878	Carr, Gertrude E.	1896
Button, Mrs. Grace V. Ross	1886	Churchill, Mrs. Susie Stevens	1897
Bacon, Howard D.	*1894	Converse, Mrs. H. Belle	*1899
Charlotte, N. C.		Converse, Harold J.	*1903
Bacon, Mrs. H. D.	*1894	Crooks, Herbert D.	1905
Charlotte, N. C.		Crooks, Mrs. Julia M.	1905
Bushey, Mrs. Ida Norton	1894	Carlisle, Mrs. Edgar L.	1906
Briggs, Frederick W.	1894	Clifford, Mrs. Charles L.	1906
Briggs, Mrs. Lillian Steele	1895	Cook, Frank P.	1906
Braley, Mrs. Jennie DeWolf	1897	Cobb, Louis B.	1909
Burnham, George W.	1897	Cobb, Mrs. L. B.	1909
Burnham, Mrs. G. W.	1897	Currier, Adelia Clara	*1867
Bacon, Wilson Neal	*1901	Durkee, Abbie I.	*1887
Charlotte, N. C.		Malden, Mass.	
Burnham, Ruth Ida	1905	Dean, William H.	1879
Burnham, Jean E.	1905	Dean, Mrs. W. H.	1879
Briggs, Alice Bartlett	1905	Dean, Alta	1884
Bullard, Rev. F. L.	*1905	Dean, William H. Jr.	1886
Bullard, Mrs. F. L.	*1905	Durgy, Albert O.	1886
Bennett, Mrs. Clayton C.	1906	Durgy, Herbert A.	*1886
Bacon, Ruth M.	*1906	Rutland, Vt.	
Charlotte, N. C.		Durgy, Orrin A.	1898
Buffum, Arthur H.	1906	Durgy, Mrs. O. A.	1898

Dean, Mrs. Nancy Stevens	1891	Hilton, Elizabeth Frances	1910
Dow, J. A.	1906	Ives, Avis Maud	1906
Dow, Mrs. Mabel C.	1906	Jones, Mrs. June Fassett	1907
Ellis, William Wallace	1867	Jones, Mrs. Winnifred Cook	1907
Estabrook, John W., M. D.	1899	June, Mrs. Albina Green	*1874
Estabrook, Mrs. Louise Seeley	1904	Knowlton, Emma A.	1867
Evans, Mrs. Pearl La Flam	*1909	Kidder, Royal F.	*1870
Farrington, Mrs. Ella Reynolds,	1866	Kidder, Mrs. R. F.	*1870
Farrington, Frederick H.	1878	King, Wallace	1885
Flint, Francis Wallace	1867	King, Newman	*1886
Flint, Caroline A.	1867	Kidder, Fannie Harriet	1895
Farrington, William R.	1899	Kenny, Edward L.	*1906
Ferris, Harry W.	1904	Knapp, Margaret Grace	*1906
Ferris, Mrs. Jessie Davids,	1904	Kingsley, Marion Jeannette	1906
French, Mrs. Alice	1894	Kingsley, Mrs. Ida J. Shaw	1906
French, Dorothy	1909	Knapp, George H.	1909
Goodnough, Willis Judson	*1869	Knapp, Mrs. George H.	1909
Gardner, Mrs. Ella Clark	*1873	L'Heureaux, John Baptiste	1861
Griswold, Mrs. Mary June	1876	L'Heureaux, Mrs. Margaret	1861
Griffith, Mary Elizabeth	*1886	LaFlam, George	1885
Grover, Mrs. Alice Butties,	1893	LaFlam, Mrs. Mary	1885
Guyette, Mrs. Caroline P.	1895	LaFlam, Charles P.	1893
Gee, Orrin A., M. D.	1897	Morgan, Henrietta L.	*1869
Gipson, Mrs. H. M.	1873	Magill, Mrs.	*1876
Gipson, Arthur H.	1905	Mead, Mrs. Amy Knowlton	*1877
Gipson, Mrs. Alice Whitlock	1905	Maynard, Mrs. Helen McCollum,	1878
Guiles, Grace M.	1905	Martelle, Mrs. Hattie Durgy,	*1886
Griswold, Ruth Augusta	1906	Pittsfield, Mass.	
Howe, Mrs. Eliza Dana	1853	Maynard, Adelbert S.	1887
Harlowe, Francis P.	*1867	Marsh, William Rodney	1906
Harrison, Alice Mary	1872	Marsh, Mrs. Mina Ball	1906
Hathaway, Minnie Ives	*1878	Manning, Mrs. Ella Hatch	*1906
Hawley, Mrs. Elinor Barlow	*1878	Marshall, Mrs. Amy	1909
Howe, Edith	1886	Mead, Jessie Gladys	1910
Humphrey, Mrs. Rollin	1886	Neveu, Margaret	*1859
Harrison, Mrs. Helen Parmalee,	1901	Nearing, Mrs. Frances N.	1866
Hatch, Mrs. Frank	1906	Nearing, Louise	1886
Hatch, Rollin F.	1906	Newton, Mrs. Sarah LaFlam	*1897
Hawley, Stuart B.	1906	Newton, Mrs. M. E.	1884
Hawley, Harry	1887	Perkins, Mrs. Almira Bacon	*1859
Hopkins, Mrs. Jessie Armington,	*1906	Pitts, Mrs. Martha Ross	1866
Ludlow, Vt.		Prime, David W.	1877
Humphrey, Lena May	1909	Prime, Mrs. D. W.	1862

Page, Mrs. Carrie Hemenway	1869	Spooner, Paul	1909
Prime, Carroll D.	1878	Savery, Mrs. Mary Parker	1907
Plumley, Mary Mossman	*1878	Taylor, Mrs. Ann E.	1878
Preston, Mrs. E. F.	*1887	Thomas, Mrs. Carrie Kidder	*1875
Pond, Mrs. Martha A.	1897	Lynn, Mass.	
Pollard, Mrs. Cynthia Templeton,	1909	Thomas, Walter J.	1886
Pollard, William H.	1909	Thomas, Anna	1886
Ross, Mrs. Adelaide V. Abbott,	1854	Thomas, Horace	1886
Ross, Mrs. Mary Vail	1867	Taylor, Mrs. Grace LaFlam	*1897
Ross, Charles H.	1878	Thomas, Mrs. Marcella S.	1898
Ressigue, Sarah Rich	1894	Winslow, Charles M.	1856
Rogers, Thomas W.	1897	Winslow, Mrs. Elizabeth	1875
Ressigue, Ellen A.	1897	Wright, Mrs. Alma Smith	1866
Rising, Alice Cornelia	1898	Wilmarth, Mrs. Mary Smith	*1866
Robinson, Clinton Harris	1905	Wright, William Henry	1869
Robinson, Mrs. Anna L'Heureaux,	1905	Wheeler, Ada A.	*1869
Read, Mrs. Addie Brown,	1907	Warden, Lucinda	1875
Raymond, I. W.	1908	Wethom, Mrs. Fanny Nearing,	*1878
Raymond, Mrs. I. W.	1908	Wheeler, Walter P.	*1878
Rising, Mabel Pauline	1909	Wescott, Mrs. Elvina L.	*1878
Seager, Mrs. Helen Dodge	1857	Whitcomb, Mrs. Isabelle King,	*1886
Smith, Mary Jane	*1869	New London, Ct.	
Sanderson, Mrs. Julia Flint	1886	Williams, Mrs. Maria	1897
Sumner, Mrs. Jessie Thomas	1893	Ward, Mrs. Almira Kendall	*1897
Saunders, Mrs. Leora Rich	1894	Williams, Herman L.	*1900
Sumner, Mrs. Effie Eliza	1897	Bennington, Vt.	
Sumner, Roxie Effie	1898	Williams, Mrs. H. L.	*1900
Sumner, Fred B.	1898	Bennington, Vt.	
Swinnington, Mrs. Cora Rohan,	*1900	Williams, Mrs. Theodore C.	1905
Smart, Rev. W. S., D.D.	1903	Whitlock, Ella L.	1907
Smart, Mrs. Sarah J.	1903	Woodruff, James Eugene	1906
Severance, Mrs. Carrie L.	1906	Woodruff, Mrs. Annie Griswold,	1906
Severance, Frank Tyrell	1906	Woods, Alberta Eugenia	1909
Spooner, Fred C.	1906	Young, Mrs. Cora Smith	1877
Spooner, Mrs. Myrtie Nichols	1906		

## SUMMARY.

Total membership.....	209
Absent.....	55
Resident.....	154
Male.....	64
Female.....	145

January 2, 1910.